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22nd December 1922, regarding communal representation in the South Arcot Taluk Board, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Adi-Dravida member, referred to in the *Report* forming an appendix to the answer, was not on the District Board when he was a member of the Cuddalore Taluk Board;

(2) whether he was not a member both on the South Arcot District Board and on the Cuddalore Taluk Board then;

(3) when he was first nominated to the District Board of South Arcot;

(4) when he was first nominated to the Taluk Board of Cuddalore; and

(5) when his place was filled in by another; and who was appointed in his place and why was he preferred?

A.—The Government have no information.

*Admission of Adi-Dravidas into Chidambaram taluk board office.*

766 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) if as in the *Report* appended to the answer given to question No. 664 at the meeting of the Council on 22nd December 1922 “an Adi-Dravida could not be appointed to the Chidambaram Taluk Board as the owner of the rented house in which the Taluk Board office is located had objected to the Adi-Dravida entering the premises”, how it was that during the last taluk board elections Adi-Dravida voters were allowed to enter the building and register their votes;

(2) when this building was rented for the purpose of locating the Taluk Board office;

(3) whether this was a condition on which the rental agreement was registered; if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the first registered rental agreement giving the date of the registration, etc.;

(4) if Adi-Dravidas are not allowed into this office building, then how the Adi-Dravida tax-payer is expected to make his payments there;

(5) how many Adi-Dravidas are registered as voters in the electoral roll of the Chidambaram Taluk Board; and

(6) the names of Adi-Dravidas, who applied for nomination to the Chidambaram Taluk Board?

A.—The Government have no information.

*Adi-Dravidas in Tiruvannamalai municipal council.*

767 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Ramaswami Pillai, an Adi-Dravida, was nominated to the Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council;

(2) whether it is a fact that the said Mr. Ramaswami Pillai died; if so, whether an Adi-Dravida has been nominated to that place; if not, why; and who was nominated to that place and from what community;

(3) the number of Adi-Dravidas registered as voters in the electoral roll of the Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council; and

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(4) whether the Government have received representations from the Adi-Dravidas of Tiruvannamalai that the vacant seat, caused by the death of Mr. Ramaswami Pillai, should be filled by an Adi-Dravida; if so, what steps the Government have taken in that direction?

A.—(1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) M.R.Ry. P. S. Pachayappa Chettiyar Avargal was nominated in the vacancy caused by the death of M.R.Ry. V. Ramaswami Pillai Avargal as no suitable Adi-Dravida was then available for nomination in the vacancy.

(3) The Government have no information.

(4) The Government did not receive any such representations for the vacancy referred to—a representation was received some time later.

*Extra officers in the Secretariat.*

768 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) the number of extra officers employed in the Secretariat after 1st April 1922 with the special nature of their work and pay and

(2) the names of officers who are as a special case allowed to draw higher pay than they would draw according to the time scale with reasons for such treatment?

A.—The information asked for is furnished in the statement appended.\*

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"May I ask the hon. the Finance Member for some particulars with reference to the answers given? I wish to know whether the special pay of Rs. 200 given to Mr. B. Rama Rao is for his appointment as Deputy Secretary or whether it represents the same amount he would be drawing in the time-scale."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER:—"The special pay is for the appointment as Deputy Secretary."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"With reference to the special pay allowed to Mr. Strathie for the preparation of a pamphlet on the Excise Administration in Madras, I wish to know whether he was during this period preparing this Excise Administration report attending at the same time to his normal work. If not, I wish to know what special reason there was for the increase allowed in the pay."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER:—"Mr. Strathie was placed on special duty which involved touring to other provinces and also change of headquarters for a considerable part of the period, and he was given special pay equal to what used to be the deputation allowance of ten rupees a day."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"Again, Sir, I find a special officer appointed for the preparation of the Madras Presidency Administration Reports. I wish to know whether it was usual to allow special pay for the preparation of the Administration Reports and whether the same was done in previous years."